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After-party trash spoils serene KRS backwaters

Yuva Brigade and students from NIE-IT clear thousands of empty liquor bottles, plastic waste

Mysuru, Nov. 28 (BCT)- While a group of Japanese spectators meticulously cleaning the stands of FIFA Qatar World Cup stadium picking up trash scattered across the rows of seats warmed hearts globally, a cleaning campaign launched by a group of youths to pick up trash from the serene backwaters of Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam at Meenakshipura yesterday was well-appreciated by the local residents and also the Panchayat administrators.

The day-long campaign was launched by Yuva Brigade Mysuru and the students of NIE-IT and they collected thousands of liquor and beer bottles, trash, food waste, paper and plastic plates from the beautiful backwaters that has been converted into a place to dump waste by picnic-goers and party freaks.

The cleaning task yielded one tractor-load of waste and another truckload of empty liquor and beer bottles.

(See KRS on page 6)

Restoration of dilapidated heritage buildings in Mysuru

CM non-committal, to see financial status

Mysuru, Nov. 28 (MTY&BCT)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai remained non-committal about the plight of heritage buildings in Mysuru and its city limits and said that he has to see the State's financial situation and limitations before releasing funds to restore them. Answering questions of reporters at Mysore Airport this morning on his way to Nanjangud to inaugurate a slew of development works, Bommai said that he will summon a report on the status of all heritage buildings in Mysuru and decide on fund allocation.

A reporter questioned the CM that while he has released money for the upgradation of Mysore Airport runway and also to repair and restore century-old building of the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), what about over 200 heritage buildings in Mysuru that are facing monumental neglect and are crumbling one by one.

(See CM on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 28th November 2022

Kannada to be made compulsory at all levels from Jan.1: Minister

Bengaluru, Nov. 28 (KMS& DM)- In yet another step towards Kannada promotion, the State Government will make use of Kannada language at all levels with effect from Jan.1, 2023.

Addressing presspersons here recently, Kannada and Culture Minister V. Sunil Kumar said that the Government will enact a Legislation in this regard after holding a debate on the issue during the winter session of the State Legislature scheduled to take place at Belagavi's Suvarna Soudha from Dec.19 to 30.

Maintaining that the Government is committed for use of Kannada at all levels, Sunil Kumar said that use of Kannada will be made mandatory even in Courts.

Noting that Industries must reserve a majority of jobs for Kannadigas, he said that those companies or industries which fail to comply with the Government order on jobs for Kannadigas will face a cut down in facilities extended to them.

Use of Kannada also covers the IT and BT industry, he said adding that the Government has issued an order making it mandatory for all departments to put up the official portrait of State Goddess (Naadadevi) Bhuvaneshwari Devi. He said that the portrait painted by renowned artist K. Somashekar was picked based on the recommendations of a five-member expert committee appointed by the Kannada and Culture Department last year. The official portrait of the Goddess will also be used at all public fora, he added.

District-level Yuvajanotsava in city on Dec. 3

Mysuru, Nov. 28 (SSM)- District Administration, Zilla Pachayat, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan - National Service Scheme, Mysuru, have jointly organised District-level Yuvajanotsava programme at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in city on Dec. 3 at 10 am.

Classical dance, classical instrument (tabla, mridanga, harmonium, guitar), classical music - singing, mono-acting, extempore speech (pick and speak), folk songs and dance competitions have been organised as part of the event for youths aged between 15 years and 29 years.

Youths (boys and girls) of various Schools and Colleges, Youth organisations registered under DYES, Youth Councils and office-bearers of Rajeev Gandhi Yuvashakti Sangha are eligible to take part in the programme. Participants must carry copies of their SSLC marks card, birth certificate for the registration at the event venue on Dec. 3 at 8 am. Those who bag first prize at the District-level Yuvajanotsava will be eligible to take part in the State-level Yuvajanotsava.

For details, call Ph: 0821-2564179, according to a press release from the DYES Assistant Director.

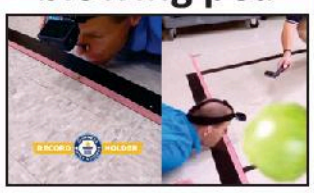
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A human's inherent nature is to derive pleasure by judging others in a negative way. It requires a lot of effort from an individual to overlook the flaws of another person. A healthy mind can seldom think ill of others. Who on this earth is perfect? Accepting people, and their flaws, can give great inner satisfaction than highlighting their negative traits. To quote the Bible: "Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven;" These words from the Bible have a lot to convey.

Who are we to point out a finger at others' mistakes when the other four fingers are pointing at us? Judging people has its own ill effects. We end up being isolated and can easily lose the trust of the people around us. Negativity and gossip can often create confusion and it may result in hurt feelings, unpleasantness, and low morale. But, when a little pat on the back is given to the people surrounding us, it not only does a world of good to the individuals who are involved but also brings us a feeling of elation. Why not take a pledge to avoid badmouthing in every situation we face for the betterment of ourselves? — *Sripriya Satish in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Records title by blowing pea



Idaho: Serial Guinness World Record-breaker David Rush earned his 250th title when he recaptured the record for furthest distance to blow a pea.

Rush, who breaks Guinness World Records to promote STEM education, originally held the pea-blowing record about 6 1/2 years ago, when he blew a pea a distance of 24 feet and 7.6 inches.

The record has since been broken at least three times -- once by Rush with a 41-foot blow -- and most recently stood at 52 feet and 9.96 inches.

Rush made an attempt at reclaiming the title and managed to blow his pea 84 feet and 11.28 inches, more than doubling his previous attempt and handily recapturing the record. Rush said his latest feat brings his total records broken to 250.

Sky-surfer breaks own record with 175 spins

Virginia : A Virginia sky-surfer broke his own Guinness World Record when he completed 175 spins in a single jump.

Keith "Kebe" Edward Snyder did 175 spins during a sky-surfing session over Orange, Va., beating his own Guinness World Record of 160 spins, which he set in the sky over Giza, Egypt, in 2021.

Snyder has won numerous sky-surfing national championships and was an alternate for the X Games before it removed the sky-surfing category in 2000. Snyder had set his previous record for the most helicopter spins while skysurfing on November 1, 2021, against the striking backdrop of the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt.

Since being posted, the video has received more than 2.07 lakh views. Netizens were astonished by the video as one user commented he felt "drowsy by just seeing it". "Spun so fast that he started going back up!" commented an Instagram user. "How do I convince my mom to buy me this new Beyblade," joked another.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth: Stone will be completely dissolved
Fact: Only 1-2% of stones will completely dissolve with hydration and medication.

By Dr. Thimmaiah K.A. - Consultant – Urology
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TODAY'S MATCHES (NOV. 28)

- **UP Yoddhas** Vs **Bengal Warriors** — 7.30 pm
- **Telugu Titans** Vs **Jaipur Pink Panthers** — 8.30 pm

Venue: **Gachibowli Indoor Stadium, Hyderabad**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

- **Tamil Thalaivas 42** BEAT **Gujarat Giants 39**
- **Dabang Delhi 49** LOSE TO **Bengaluru Bulls 52**

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TODAY'S MATCHES (NOV. 28)

- **Spain 1** DRAWS WITH **1 Germany**
- **Cameroon** Vs **Serbia** — 3.30 pm
- **South Korea** Vs **Ghana** — 6.30 pm
- **Brazil** Vs **Switzerland** — 9.30 pm

TOMORROW'S MATCHES (NOV. 29)

- **Portugal** Vs **Uruguay** — 12.30 am
- **Ecuador** Vs **Senegal** — 8.30 pm
- **Netherlands** Vs **Qatar** — 8.30 pm

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

- **Argentina 2** BEAT **Mexico 0**
- **Japan 0** LOSE TO **Costa Rica 1**
- **Belgium 0** LOSE TO **Morocco 2**
- **Croatia 4** BEAT **Canada 1**

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- ***Aryabhata, a great astronomer and mathematician, invented the number zero. The number system was also invented in ancient India.***
- ***Archaeologists have found Ice Age flutes made from bird bones.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Q: *Why did the school kids eat their homework?*

A: *Because their teacher told them it was a piece of cake!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 81.73
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.48
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.27
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.59

VOICE OF THE READER

First maintain existing Ring Road, then plan Peripheral Road

Sir,

This is with reference to the report titled ***"MUDA to build Peripheral Ring Road"*** in *SOM* dated Nov.23.

The existing Outer Ring Road built years ago still hasn't been completed to become a 21st century motorable road !

As a regular traveller on this road, I can say without doubt that the condition of the road is clearly deplorable. The medians are ill-planned, the underpass incomplete, the exits to various layouts are without proper deviations, road humps unscientific to name a few.

My suggestion to the MUDA and NHAI is to first maintain the existing Ring Road to Highway standard and then plan another Peripheral Road.

This new planning is like planning a new child when proper upkeep of the existing child cannot be done.

—Charles

Vijayanagar
24.11.2022

Indian Academy of Paediatrics conducts CME at Sigma Hospital

Mysuru, Nov. 28- Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP), Mysuru, conducted a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme by internationally renowned faculty Dr. Satyan Lakshminrusimha at Sigma Hospital in city on Nov. 24.

He discussed with the Paediatricians about the scientific basis for Neonatal Resuscitation and explained the evidence behind the critical steps of this procedure.

A Mysurean, Dr. Satyan is currently the Professor and Chair of Paediatrics, University of California Davis (UCD), Sacramento, California, USA. His primary focus is how foetal lungs change at birth to breathe air and disorders of transition, specifically asphyxia and Persistent Pulmonary Hypertension of the Newborn (PPHN). He is funded by National Institutes of Health (NIH) to evaluate optimal oxygenation in neonatal lung injury and PPHN.

FROM LEFT: ***Dr. Kushal Ravikumar, Dr. Satyan Lakshminrusimha (guest speaker), S. Gnanashankar, MD, Sigma Hospital, Dr. Nandish and Dr. Rajeshwari Madappa.***

He is the Principal Investigator (PI) of multicentre trial evaluating milrinone in congenital diaphragmatic hernia and co-editor of the textbook, "Essentials of Neonatal Ventilation" by Elsevier; member of American Academy of Paediatrics - Neonatal Resuscitation Programme Steering Committee and the Sub-board of Neonatal Perinatal Medicine of the American Board of Paediatrics.

He was recently appointed as Chair of Association of Medical Schools - Paediatric Department Chairs' Clinical Care Committee which strives to share best practices and approaches to new challenges to promote access to high quality care for all children.

Dr. Satyan enjoys drawing medical illustrations and has published more than 280 peer-reviewed articles and 500 illustrations in Paediatric and Neonatology textbooks, journal articles and apps.

C.N. Sanjay birth anniversary, book launch at Dhvanyaloka

Mysuru, Nov. 28- The C.N. Sanjay Birth Anniversary celebrations at Dhvanyaloka on Nov.8 had some very important events to make the occasion a memorable one. A Book Launch, Release of two Dhvanyaloka Journals, The Literary Criterion and Sarasa, Lectures and "Meet the Writer Programme" were some of the notable features. It significantly coincided with the Platinum Jubilee Year of The Literary Criterion founded in 1952 by Prof. C.D. Narasimhaiah.

Dr. TRS Sharma, senior scholar, teacher, writer, critic who released a special issue of the Journal on Kashmiri Literature observed that it was the only journal in the country that had survived for so long and proved to be an inspiration for writers and scholars.

Talking about Sarasa, he lauded Prof. C.N. Srinath's achievements in translating great poets like Hopkins, Eliot, Emily Dickinson and other writers, all of which needed more recognition.

K.S. Ram too who spoke on The Literary Criterion remarked that it was more than a journal; it was an institution in itself. It had sustained readers for more than four decades, he added.

Prof. C. Naganna, who released the Kannada translation of Raja Rao's *The Cat and Shakespeare,* titled *Marjala matthu Shakespeare* by Prof. C.N. Srinath, also spoke on the book and thanked the author for making such a great classic available in Kannada.

Dr. Uma Ram said she was honoured to speak on Sarasa, a journal edited by Prof. Srinath, now in its 23rd year and exclusively devoted to Creative Translation. The Annual Sarasa Workshop and the Journal which complement each other was a "master-stroke" of Prof. Srinath, she remarked.

Dr. TRS Sharma's Lecture on Semantics was highly engaging as it dwelt on the subtle nuances of Language and also on the need for a new kind of epistemology and a rigorous training in it for everyone. His references to neuro-semantics and attempts to relate it to yoga made the talk all the more thought-provoking.

The last item to come up was the launching of "Meet the Writer Programme" under which an informal interaction was made possible between the eminent scholar-cum-folklorist Dr. Krishnamurthy Hanur and the audience. Prof. Srinath, Director, Dhvanyaloka who earlier welcomed the audience, also spoke briefly on his experiences as an Editor of both the journals.

MLA distributes Tricycles to differently-abled beneficiaries

Mysuru, Nov.28 (MTY&DM)- K.R. Constituency MLA S.A. Ramdas distributed nine tricycles to differently-abled persons at his office in Vidyaranyapuram recently. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the symbolic distribution of various Government services, benefits and facilities to beneficiaries had taken place during the 'Modi Yug Utsav' held at Ramalingeshwara Park in September last.

Now, the tricycles have been distributed to nine beneficiaries under the aegis of Department for the Empowerment of Differently-Abled and Senior Citizens.

Pointing out that the tricycles have been purchased at a cost of Rs.7.46 lakh, funded by the MLA's Local Area Development Fund, Ramdas said that Pourakarmikas have been distributed electric vehicles. He further said that there are plans to distribute battery-operated vehicles to street vendors in the coming days for which a list of beneficiaries has been prepared.

The Department Officers Malini and Gopalkrishna Hegde, BJP leaders Eshwar, M.R. Balakrishna, Devarajegowda, Prasad Babu and Santosh, the MLA's Office Secretary Adarsh and others were present.

'Margadarshak Award' to Yoga Guru

Yoga Guru Dr. K. Raghavendra Pai was conferred 'Margadarshak Award-2022' at the joint meeting of Rotary Panchsheel Mysore and Rotary Ivory City Mysore held in city recently. The awardee is seen with *(from left)* ***Rtn. Sunil Baliga, Rotary Ivory City President Rtn. Ramesh, Assistant Governor Rtn. Balachander, Rotary Panchsheel President Rtn. Rachana Nagesh, Secretary Rtn. D.R. Nagendra and District Governor-Elect Rtn. Keshav. Rotary Ivory City Secretary Rtn. Muthukumar*** *(not in pic)* ***was also present.***

NEWS BRIEFS

Extra shows of play on 'Tipu'

On public demand, apart from earlier scheduled shows, the play 'Tipu Nija Kanasugalu,' written and directed by Addanda C. Cariappa, will be staged at Kalamandira on Nov. 29 and Dec. 1 at 6 pm. Online booking of tickets is also available at ***www.rangayana.org***

KAS, Competitive Exam training

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Competitive Exams Training Centre, Mysuru, has organised a training camp for students appearing for KAS and other competitive examinations. Superintendent of Police (SP) R. Chethan will inaugurate the camp tomorrow (Nov. 29) at Cauvery Auditorium in the KSOU premises at 11 am. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sharanappa V. Halase will preside. Registrar Prof. K.L.N. Murthy will be present. For registrations and details, contact Ph: 0821-2515944 or Mob: 99647-60090, according to a press release.

Shasti puja, rituals

As part of Shashti, special pujas and rituals have been organised at Sri Subramanya Swamy Sannidi in Sri Amrutheshwara Swamy Temple on Dewan's Road, Mysuru, tomorrow (Nov. 29). Sri Subramanya Homa, Kujadosha, Nagadosha Nivarana Homa and Kalasarpa Shanti Homa will be performed from at 10 am onwards and Deeparadhane will be held in the evening. For details, contact Jagadish Sharma on Mob: 99166-17795 or 95354-13360.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	121.32 feet
Yesterday	:	121.40 feet
Inflow	:	5,120 cusecs
Outflow	:	6,135 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Yesterday	:	2,275.20 feet
Inflow	:	184 cusecs
Outflow	:	2,125 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,839.61 feet
Inflow	:	579 cusecs
Outflow	:	1,150 cusecs

Tiger cub killed days after its mother's death in Nagarahole

Forest Department to resume combing operation to trace two more cubs

Mysuru, Nov. 28 (MTY&BCT)- One of the three cubs of the tigress, famous as Nayanjikatte Female, that died recently after being caught in a snare at Antharasanthe Range of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, was found dead on Sunday just days after it lost its mother.

The 10-month-old male cub was attacked by another tiger and it sustained fatal injuries on its neck, back and forelimb. Forest Department officers have reasoned that this might have been a case of territorial fight. The carcass was found at Taraka Forest near Dammanakatte beat under the Antharasanthe Wildlife Range.

The Nayanjikatte Female and its three cubs were frequently spotted during the wildlife safaris and wildlife activists had raised concerns over the safety of the three cubs after the tigress was snared to death. Its carcass was found on Nov. 12 at a private land just outside the forests. The tigress was strangled by the snare, a jaw trap that was placed to hunt wild boars.

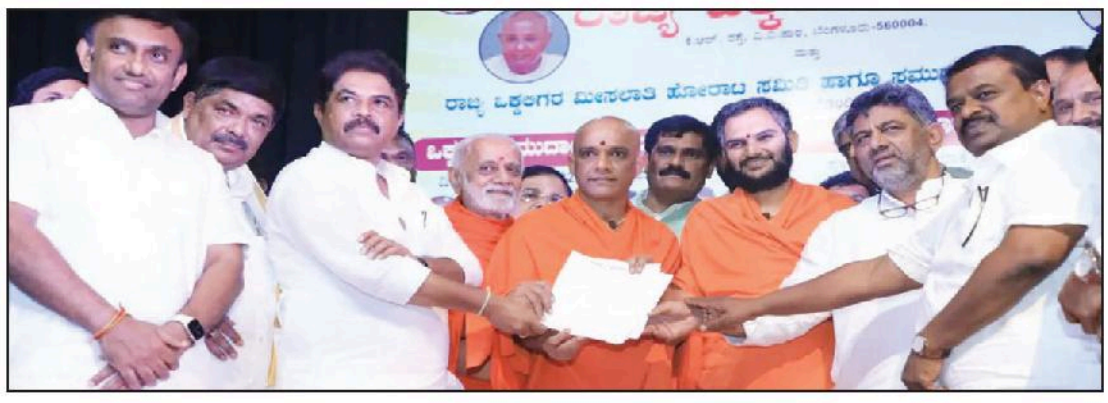
After the death of the tigress, the Department had begun an operation to track the three cubs, fearing they might be killed or starve to death as they are not independent and lacked hunting skills. They had set up over 30 camera traps to track their movements. Also, teams with tamed elephants were used to track the cubs.

On Nov. 15, images and footage from the camera traps showed that all the three cubs were adapting to wildlife and were healthy. They were even making a kill, much to the delight of the Forest staff and wildlife enthusiasts. Following this discovery, the combing operation and camera trapping were withdrawn.

Efforts are now on to track down two other cubs, said Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Director Harshakumar Chikkanaragunda. "It has been confirmed that it is one of the cubs of the Nayanjikatte Female. The post-mortem report said that the carcass of the cub had injuries on its neck and shoulder and also a fractured limb. It might have died in a fight with another tiger, a dominant male. Combing operations will continue and the health of the other two cubs will be monitored," he added.

The cub's carcass was burnt in the presence of Metikuppe ACF K.N. Rangaswamy, National Tiger Conservation Authority representative Kruthika Alanahalli, veterinarian Dr. Ramesh and other staff.

Vokkaligas set Jan. 23 deadline for reservation hike



Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamji and others presenting a memorandum containing the charter of demands of the community to Revenue Minister R. Ashoka at Vokkaligara Sangha premises in Bengaluru yesterday.

Bengaluru, Nov. 28- The Vokkaliga community, a dominant community in the State, which has been demanding a hike in reservation quota for the community for some time, has set Jan. 23 as the deadline for the Government to hike the reservation from the current 4 percent to 12 percent.

The community Seers, Ministers, Legislators and leaders, who met at Kuvempu Kalakshetra in Vokkaligara Sangha premises located on K.R. Road in V.V. Puram, Bengaluru yesterday, passed an unanimous resolution urging the Government to hike the reservation in the interests of the community.

The meeting was attended by Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Pattanayakanahalli Mutt Seer Sri Nanjavadhoota Swamiji and Vishwa Vokkaligara Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer Sri Kumara Chandrashekaranatha Swamiji, Ministers R. Ashoka, Dr. K. Sudhakar and K. Goapalaiah, Legislators M. Krishnappa (BJP), M. Krishnappa (Congress), Dr. Ranganath, A. Devegowda, Dinesh Gooligowda and Narayanaswamy, KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, community leaders Ravi, Vasanthi Shivanna, T. Konappa Reddy, Vokkaligara Sangha President C.N. Balakrishna, office-bearers and others.

During the course of the meeting, Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamji presented a memorandum containing the charter of demands of the community to Revenue Minister R. Ashoka.

Speaking after receiving the memorandum, Ashoka said that he would discuss the community demands with the Chief Minister and would make honest efforts to stand with the community on fulfilment of the demands.

Sangha President C.N. Balakrishna, who is also the JD(S) MLA from Shravanabelagola, said that the Vokkaliga population is more than 16 percent in the State. But the reservation of the community stands at a paltry 4 percent, which is unfair, he noted.

Maintaining that a majority of the Vokkaliga population is living in financial distress, he said that the Government should come to the rescue of the poor among the community by hiking the reservation up to 15 percent.

KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar said that he has been made the KPCC President because of his organisational skills. Recalling the support that the Vokkaliga community has extended to him and other current Ministers such as R. Ashoka, S.T. Somashekar, Gopalaiah etc., he said that the community is only demanding its due and not encroaching upon the rights of others. The Government must hike the reservation in accordance with the community's population, he added.

Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji said that former PM H.D. Devegowda and former CM S.M. Krishna will be honoured on Jan. 23 marking 'Punyasmarane' (death anniversary) of late Seer Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji.

The Government should fulfil the reservation hike demand by then, he said adding that H.D. Devegowda and other leaders who were supposed to attend the meeting, have expressed support to the demand through letters.

State Govt. constitutes Elephant Task Force in three districts

Bengaluru, Nov. 28- The State Government has constituted Elephant Task Force (ETF) in three districts to tackle jumbo menace.

The ETF, which will be headed by a Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), has been set up in Mysuru, Kodagu, Hassan and Chikmagaluru districts, where jumbo menace is more widespread. But the State Government has left out Chamarajanagar district, which has the highest number of elephants. An order to this effect was issued by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, an official statement said.

The ETF will get down to action immediately and work under the instructions of the respective Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) of the Circles concerned.

The members of the panel have been directed to patrol the jumbo-concentrated areas, monitor their movements in human habitation, agriculture fields and coffee estates and drive them back into forests under the direction of the DCF.

The ETF members will be armed with walkie-talkies, guns and crackers that are necessary to drive back the wild elephants into forests. Each district ETF will be given three vehicles.

It has also been decided to set up a Control Room in the headquarters of every ETF and its phone number will be shared with the citizens.

Chamarajanagar with highest elephant population left out

Chamarajanagar, the district with 50 percent forest cover and having the highest number of elephant population has been left out and no Elephant Task Force (ETF) has been constituted in this district. The district forests houses over 2,000 wild elephants and due to high concentration of elephants, incidents of man-wild elephant conflicts take place frequently with many people losing their lives.

Puttarangashetty

MLA C. Puttarangashetty, expressing his displeasure, said that while the State Government has constituted ETF in Mysuru, Kodagu and Hassan districts, there are plans to constitute the Task Force in Chikkamagalur, Shivamogga and Uttara Kannada districts, but Chamarajanagar district has been left out.

"There is frequent wild elephant menace taking place especially in Male Mahadeshwara Hills region, which has resulted in loss of lives and properties and crop loss. Many wild elephants have been radio collared and despite such problems, Elephant Task Force has not been constituted for the district," the MLA added.

Meanwhile, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Wildlife, Vijay Kumar Gogi has stated that four full-fledged ETFs, including one in Mysuru and Hassan will be constituted in a week's time.

On Nov. 23, Additional PCCF Anil Kumar Ratan has passed an order, appointing DCF (Social Forestry) P. Sridhar as the ETF DCF, Mysuru District, DCF (Forest Mobile Squad, Hassan) N. Ravindrakumar as the ETF DCF of Hassan District and ACF (Social Forestry, Madikeri) K.S. Chengappa has been appointed as the ETF DCF of Kodagu.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Online fraud

Three cheated of over Rs. 12 lakh in city

Mysuru, Nov. 28- In separate cases, three persons have been cheated of over Rs. 12,32,350 by online fraudsters in city.

In the first case, a lady lecturer has been cheated of Rs. 60,150 by a miscreant on the pretext of marrying her.

The lady lecturer, who has been cheated is 31-year-old Kavya Gurikar, a resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage in city.

Kavya had registered her name in a matrimonial website and the miscreant, who approached her, told that he was interested to marry her and also got Rs. 60,150 transferred from her for donation to orphanage, performing puja and homa, thus cheating her.

In the second case, fraudsters, who called 41-year-old Krishina C. Nanda, a resident of J.P. Nagar 2nd Stage, on Nanda's mobile phone lured the person to invest money in their company by promising to double the money in 30 days, got Rs. 8.80 lakh transferred, thus cheating Nanda.

In the third case, a conman, who called 37-year-old A. Ashwini, a resident of Dattagalli, said that he would get her a job in Amazon Pro company, got Rs. 2,92,200 transferred from her and has cheated Ashwini.

All the three cases have been registered at City's CEN Police Station.

Awards conferred on Cops and Corona Warriors

Mysuru, Nov. 28 (GA&KS)- As many as 65 Police personnel were conferred with 'Arakshaka Ratna' and 59 Corona Warriors were conferred 'Apatbandhava' awards at the Kannada Rajyotsava celebration organised by Karnataka Rajya Jana Jagruti Vedike at Town Hall in city.

The 65 Police personnel, who were presented awards, belong to Narasimharaja (NR), Mandi, Lashkar, Narasimharaja Traffic, Siddarthanagar Traffic and Devaraja Traffic Police Stations.

Corona Warriors included doctors, media persons and achievers in various fields, who had helped extensively in their own ways during the outbreak of COVID pandemic.

Speaking on the occasion, leader Azeezulla (Ajju) said that Kannada Rajyotsava should not be limited for just a day, but should be celebrated throughout the year.

Pointing out that just fighting for the cause of Kannada was not enough, he said that one should serve the Kannada land along with it besides stating that Kannada Rajyotsava celebration was not just for elected representatives but for everyone.

Former Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, SDPI State President Abdul Majid, leaders Mohammed Shariff, Karnataka Rajya Jana Jagruti Vedike Founder-State President Asmath Shariff, State Vice-Presidents Sujay Kumar Singh and Saleem Pasha and others were present.

Obituary

V. Vanajakshi

Mysuru, Nov. 28- V. Vanajakshi (79), wife of late Gaddelingaiah and a resident of No. 12, Weavers Colony at Vishweshwaranagar, passed away at Jayadeva Hospital following a heart attack yesterday evening.

She leaves behind two sons, five daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Vishweshwaranagar Burial Grounds this afternoon, according to family sources.

P.M. Ganesh

P.M. Ganesh (85), a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away yesterday (Nov. 27) in city.

A native of Ponnampet in Kodagu, he leaves behind his wife, children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed at his estate in Ponnampet tomorrow (Nov. 29), according to family sources.

Defy Rahukala, Success is Assured !

By H.K. Shivananda, IAS (Retd.)

Shivananda

There is a school of thought which claims Astrology is a science and it is taught as a subject in a few Universities also. At the same time, it is equally true, Astrology by its widespread misuse exploits the innocent people.

Similarly, Rahukala time is considered inauspicious by a wide section of society and it is equally opposed by rationalists. Legendary Principal of National College and ex-VC of Bangalore University Narasimhaiah used to argue that if Rahukala is inauspicious, every day there should have been many accidents on roads as number of KSRTC and City Buses start their journey in Rahukala only!

In the new State of Karnataka born in 1956, the first batch of Assistant Commissioners were recruited in the year 1962. The tradition of KPSC taking leisurely 2-3 years to complete the selection process seen now, started then only as Advertisement for recruitment was issued in 1959-60 and appointment orders were issued in 1962! Selected candidates were asked to report for duty before Chief Secretary (CS)

[Picture courtesy: Internet]

to GoK in Vidhana Soudha on forenoon of 26.10.1962. I was one amongst them.

As I was working as a Probationary Officer in Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Mumbai, I had to resign, get relieved and join duty here. After relief, I came to Bengaluru on 26th morning and went to CS Chambers in Vidhana Soudha round about 10.45 am as I had to report for duty before 12 noon.

After ascertaining why I have come, peon outside CS Chambers was surprised and stated that others are already inside CS Chambers. I was allowed to go inside and join them. As I entered in, Mr. Rebello, the then CS to GoK was giving his usual advise to new recruits and after exchanging some pleasantries we were asked to call on next Officer and we came out.

After coming out of CS Chambers, few college-mates of mine who were in that batch asked me why I was late. I told them I had time till 12 noon to report and I was not late. They smiled and said there was Rahukala between 10.30 and 12 and hence they had come early. They entered CS Chambers before 10.30 itself after seeking his permission, as they did not want to join duty for a new job in Rahukala. I kept mum not knowing what is in store for me in service having joined in Rahukala.

However, most of the recruits of this batch did very well in service, reached top positions in Government before superannuation. Unfortunately, God was unkind to a few even though they kept Rahukala at a distance when they joined.

One died in two years within probationary period itself, while God snatched away 2-3 before they reached superannuation. Few others got delayed promotions midway and lost seniority. One was compulsorily retired! But I who joined duty in Rahukala on 26.10.1962 came unscathed in service.

Having kept foot soldiers of Yamaraja like Diabetes, BP, Stroke etc., at a distance, I have not allowed him to touch me even at 86! I have received more money from Govt. in pension than what I got as salary in service and continue to exploit exchequer. Persons in charge of Budget preparations are scared of increasing pensioners like me !

Moral of the story: Defy Rahukala, success is assured!

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Scrap 15-year-old vehicles, get rebate on new models

Bengaluru, Nov. 28 (Agencies)- Karnataka will soon implement the Vehicle Scrappage Policy, 2021, released by the Centre in August 2021. Transport officials said the Central scrappage policy seeks to phase out old and unfit vehicles and recycle the vehicle scrap in an environment-friendly manner.

The Transport Department will bring this policy before the State Cabinet with 10 days for approval. The Centre's policy proposes to de-register private vehicles more than 20 years old and commercial vehicles older than 15 years.

The State's move will be as per the policy guidelines sent by the Centre to all States. In Karnataka, a proposal is being considered to give rebates to owners on purchase of new vehicles to those who scrap old ones.

Sources said that out of 2.8 crore vehicles on road in Karnataka, over 79 lakh vehicles are more than 15 years old. There are vehicles falling under various categories like commercial, private and government. Under each category, depending on their age and fitness, the vehicles will be scrapped, they added.

Owners who voluntarily offer their vehicles for scrapping will get a rebate on the Motor Vehicle Tax for new vehicles upon submission of the scrapping certificate.

Both Union and State Governments are making an effort to scrap vehicles which do not have Fitness Certificates (FCs). Many of such vehicles are still plying on the State's roads posing threat to environment, besides being prone to accidents.

After-party trash at KRS

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Meenakshipura is a favourite picnic spot where people come from far and wide to chill out in the water and also on the riverbank. Due to unregulated tourism here, waste is indiscriminately and carelessly dumped at all places.

Local residents say that while the KRS Reservoir provides water for irrigation and drinking purposes, the backwater remains unutilised and has turned into a haven for illegal activities. "The grand plans of the State Government to utilise the backwaters for tourism activities like water sports have not materialised so far. There are islands in backwaters with strong tourism potential," said a resident.

"Most of the people come here to have fun and they bring along food and liquor. After the party, they discard the waste and leave. The Anandoor Gram Panchayat has the jurisdiction over the Meenakshipura backwaters and whenever we raise the issue of trash-filled environs, we get a standard reply of lack of funds," said another resident.

More than 70 youths participated in yesterday's campaign and they collected the trash from the nook and corner of the area and cleaned the leftovers. Anandoor Gram Panchayat Secretary Annapoorna, Panchayat Development Officer Girish and many villagers gathered at the place and lauded the efforts of the youths.

The youths urged the Panchayat authorities to at least erect signboards in the vicinity asking the people not to litter and dirty the clean surroundings. The collected waste was then transported to a shed inside Anandoor Gram Panchayat limits for segregation and disposal.

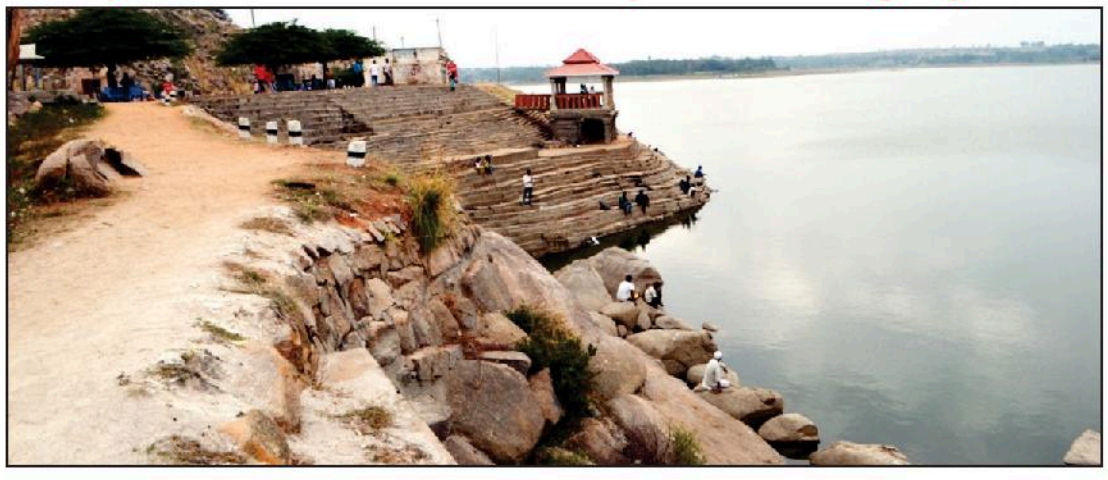
Thonnur Kere to be developed on KRS model

Says Melukote MLA C. S. Puttaraju after offering bagina

Pandavapura, Nov. 28 - Melukote MLA C. S. Puttaraju said that the famed Thonnur Kere (Thonnur Lake) in Pandavapura taluk will be developed on the lines of KRS in Srirangapatna taluk.

He was speaking after offering 'Bagina' to the lake on Friday last.

Pointing out that he was happy that the lake is full to the brim, thanks to copious rainfall in the region, Puttaraju said that the lake also overflowed earlier causing crop loss, for which the farmers will be compensated.



Detailing his plans for developing Thonnur Lake, he said that KRS-like automatic crest gates will be installed at the lake for preventing overflow and that a beautiful garden will be formed along the banks of the lake. "Thonnur Lake has a historical background and is surrounded by nature. There are plans to develop it on the lines of Brindavan Gardens, complete with musical fountain and boating. Besides, accommodation facilities will be set up at the tourist spot," he said.

Highlighting the efforts that he had made for developing the lake so as it to make it a popular tourist destination, Puttaraju called upon the people not to pay heed to the false propaganda that is being made by his opponents.

Pandavapura Asst.Commissioner Nongjai Mohammad Ali Akram Shah, former ZP Member Nagamma Puttaraju, AEE Puttamayigowda, AE Ganesh, TP EO S.M. Lokesh, BEO Lokesh and Asst. Director of Agriculture Priyadarshini were present.

Awareness campaign for promotion of Digital Life Certificate for pensioners

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STATE BANK OF INDIA

Dr. T.C. Poornima, Deputy Director of Central Bureau of Communication, addressing the gathering at the awareness campaign for promotion of Digital Life Certificate for pensioners organised at the Mysuru Main Branch of State Bank of India (SBI) on New Sayyaji Rao Road this morning. Picture right shows a staff giving a demo on generating Digital Life Certificate on the occasion.

Mysuru, Nov. 28 (RK&DM)- A day-long nationwide awareness campaign for promotion of Digital Life Certificate for Central and State Government pensioners, organised under the aegis of the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, as part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, was held at the Mysuru Main Branch of State Bank of India (SBI), Motikhana Building, New Sayyaji Rao Road (next to Banumaiah's College) today.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. T.C. Poornima, Deputy Director of Central Bureau of Communication, said that the Government of India has launched this initiative nationwide for the benefit of pensioners, especially the aged ones as they find it difficult to visit Banks for submission of their Life Certificate, which submission is mandatory every year.

Pointing out that earlier, the Life Certificates had to be submitted in physical form which caused delays for pensioners, she said the Life Certificate can be submitted online at the click of a button, which is of much help to aged pensioners and differently challenged pensioners.

Noting that this initiative is of great convenience to aged pensioners who are physically unfit as well as the physically challenged, Dr. Poornima said that the online submission of Life Certificates will help them avoid visiting Banks and Departments and called upon all pensioners, of both the State and Central Governments, to make use of this initiative for their own benefit.

She further said that those who are alone and find it difficult to understand the process, can take the help of others and submit their Life Certificate online just by the click of a button using their Android phone or laptop, sitting at the comforts of their home.

A demonstration was held on online generation of Life Certificates for the benefit of pensioners who visited the Bank.

Rajesh Kumar Choudhary, Deputy General Manager, SBI Mysuru, S. Chakraborthi and Ashok Kumar Singh, Under Secretaries, Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Government of India, too spoke.

All the pensioners who participated in the campaign were distributed sweets.

Mega free eye screening camp inaugurated at MRC Eye Hospital

Raghulal & Co. Director N. Raghavan is seen lighting the traditional lamp to inaugurate the free eye screening and cataract operation camp at MRC Eye Hospital in city this morning. Others seen are (from left) MRC Eye Hospital Administrator M. Rahul Dev, Senior Ophthalmologist Dr. M.S. Usha, MRC Charitable Trust Trustee K.M. Chandregowda, MRC Eye Hospital Committee Member R. Guru, MRC Charitable Trust Chairman Y.B. Ganesh, MRC Charitable Trust Trustee H.K. Ramesh and MRC Committee Member Jayaraje Urs.

Mysuru, Nov. 28 (RK&SSM)- A mega free eye screening and cataract operation camp, organised by Mysore Race Club (MRC) Charitable Trust Eye Hospital, was inaugurated at the Hospital premises in Siddarthanagar here this morning.

The mega camp, sponsored by Raghulal & Co. in memory of Dr. Neelakantan, was inaugurated by Raghulal & Co. Director N. Raghavan by lighting the traditional lamp.

Over 200 people had registered to the camp. Those who are in need of cataract operation or other treatments will be performed for free today. Spectacles and medicines will also be distributed free of cost.

MRC Eye Hospital has been successfully organising free eye camps at least two to three times a year since many years. The recent free eye screening camp was held on Aug. 18 this year and was inaugurated by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, who was impressed with modern facilities and free public service provided by the Hospital.

MRC Charitable Trust Chairman Y.B. Ganesh presided. MRC Charitable Trust Secretary NHS Mani, Trustees K.M. Chandregowda and Dr. Santhrupth, MRC Committee Members H.K. Ramesh and Jayaraje Urs, MRC Eye Hospital Administrator M. Rahul Dev, Hospital Committee Member R. Guru, Senior Ophthalmologist Dr. M.S. Usha and other doctors were present on the occasion.

CM non-committal, to see financial status

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The Chief Minister was told about the public outcry over the lack of maintenance of heritage structures and the public demand of releasing Rs. 500 crore per year in three stages (Rs. 1,500 crore in all) that will restore all the heritage buildings.

When his opinion was sought on the demand, the CM said, "I cannot reply to the opinions. But will summon a report on the plight of heritage buildings and will allocate funds based on the State's financial situation. I have to consider financial constraints before releasing money."

Water Resources Minister Govind Karjol, MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, L. Nagendra and B. Harshavardhan, Mayor Shivakumar and others were present with the CM.

Unidentified man run over by moving train in city

Mysuru, Nov. 28 (RK&KS)- A man, aged between 30 and 40 years, was run over by a moving train near Chamarajapuram Railway Station at about 12.30 pm today.

The deceased man, whose identity is yet to be established, is said to have fell before the Chamarajanagar-Mysuru Train and was killed instantly.

Mysuru Railway Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Shouldn't we put the FIELD back in Hockey?

Despite the hype and glamour that surrounds other sports, especially cricket, hockey holds a special place in the hearts of the people of Kodagu. The Family Hockey Tournament remains a popular event and there are several talented youngsters who emerge in these matches. Many such players from rural areas learn their craft on natural surfaces. Since all major tournaments are now conducted on synthetic surfaces and youngsters from the more affluent countries begin their hockey journeys by playing on such grounds, it confers a great advantage to players from these countries.

Dr. Tilak Ponappa

Fascinated by the interest and passion for hockey in Kodagu and not missing any Family Tournaments in his home district, **Dr. Kuppanda Tilak Ponappa** draws examples from other sports and presents the argument in this article that hockey players should be able to adapt to different surfaces including natural ones. Perhaps, such a move will 'level the playing field' and enable our once great subcontinental teams to compete with the very best in the world. — **Ed**

A photograph taken in Kodagu during one of the Hockey Festivals. It is a match being played on a natural surface.

By Dr. Tilak Ponappa

THE EARLY DAYS

To people of the Indian subcontinent, hockey refers to 'Field hockey,' and is distinct from 'Ice hockey' that super-fast, ultra-violent sport played in the frigid northern latitudes.

Field hockey was introduced to India by the British during the colonial era. Indians soon took to the game and were quickly dominating the English teams, and indeed, everyone else. Indian players were famous for their skilful dribbling, clever passing, body swerves and general artistry.

India remained the pre-eminent team in the world for many decades. In the Summer Olympics, India was dominant between 1928 and 1956, winning gold in Amsterdam, Los Angeles, Berlin, London, Helsinki and Melbourne. Another Indian gold medal in Tokyo (1964) was sandwiched between the two Pakistani triumphs of 1960 and 1968.

Cracks in the pre-eminence of subcontinental hockey became evident in the 1970s. During this period, the victory in the World Cup final over Pakistan in 1975 proved to be a high point for India. By the time the Moscow Olympics rolled around in 1980, India was no longer a dominant force. That year, although India did win its eighth (and last) Olympic gold medal in hockey, it perhaps lacks the lustre of the previous seven golds, as many of the best teams of that era boycotted the tournament for political reasons.

The partition of India and the creation of Pakistan saw the two neighbours play each other in many an epic battle, featuring their exciting style of hockey. Pakistan produced numerous excellent teams that won three Olympic golds, three silvers and two bronze medals from 1956 through 1992; in addition, our neighbours have won the prestigious World Cup four times having last triumphed in 1994. Sadly, neither of these teams rules the sport any longer.

In the past, there was something about a hockey victory by India, especially during the colonial era and soon after Independence, that gave the sporting public a great sense of pride. But things change, and many factors have resulted in a host of European teams as well as Australia, New Zealand and Argentina being major powers in the sport.

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How can we attract more youngsters to hockey?

1 Allow the use of different playing surfaces

A talented young hockey player in rural India may not have access to artificial turf. The skills needed to succeed on a natural surface are different from those required for synthetic surfaces. By the time the player is proficient enough to be selected for a training facility with access to artificial surfaces, new skills will have to be learned and old ones unlearned, putting the youngster at a disadvantage.

The use of artificial turf, often coloured blue, was thought to facilitate television viewing. Today, however, multiple, high-quality cameras would likely capture the nuances of the sport regardless of the playing surface. Perhaps it is time to play major international hockey tournaments on either natural or synthetic surfaces, depending on convenience.

The teams that can adapt to different types of surfaces will be more successful as in the case of a tennis player who is able to win all four major tournaments and earn the coveted Grand Slam, or a cricket team that wins at home and abroad.

2 Reduce the chance for injury and the need for protective equipment

While playing hockey on uneven surfaces and indeed on any surface, perhaps we can take a step back for reasons of player safety and ensure that the ball remains on the pitch, or not more than a few inches above the ground, except when 'scooped'. Strong enforcement of the old rule of 'sticks,' whereby a hockey stick may not be raised above shoulder level when taking a shot, would also reduce the likelihood of injury.

3 Encourage the scoring of more field goals

Modifying rules to enable the scoring of more field goals and reducing the emphasis on 'corners' may well make the game more exciting. To this end, perhaps doing away with frightening drag flicks that could seriously maim defenders would be useful. Again, such measures will also reduce the necessity for expensive protective gear that may not be easily available or affordable to poorer countries. Although not related to this argument, reinstating the unique 'bully' to start the game would restore some old-world charm.

4 Look after the interests of hockey players in the developing world

As in most walks of life, money matters. Compared to many developing countries and indeed several other nations that are considered "advanced," India has become relatively wealthy after shrugging off the colonial yoke. Thanks to shrewd marketing and administrative strategies, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has harnessed the passion of our enormous population for cricket.

Consequently, the BCCI is flush with funds and does not have to kowtow to the cricket boards of other countries. If our hockey administrators were as influential as the BCCI, changes proposed by the world body that may prove to be detrimental to the sport in our country could be opposed.

Also, popularising hockey with the country's youths would be an important step forward. Promising young players need to feel a passion for the sport, pride in the country's past success and perhaps view hockey as being just as glamorous as cricket.

5 Identify talent early

A scientific approach to identifying and grooming promising players is essential. In the highly competitive world of American football, players are constantly evaluated for parameters pertinent to that sport. Very often, but not always, elite athletes end up being exceptional football players. Conversely, some of the greatest professional players have not necessarily been the best athletes. Apart from being conversant with modern techniques, our hockey coaches must pick players who are not only sufficiently athletic but also have the temperament to succeed at the highest level. Excellence must be rewarded.

Legendary sprinter P.T. Usha takes over as IOA President

P.T. Usha

New Delhi, Nov. 28- Legendary sprinter P.T. Usha has been elected as the President of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA).** The deadline to file the nomination papers for the IOA elections ended yesterday.

Cabinet Minister Kiren Rijiju took to social media to congratulate the veteran athlete on her new appointment in the IOA.

"Congratulations to legendary Golden Girl, Smt. P T Usha on being elected as the President of Indian Olympic Association. I also congratulate all the sporting heroes of our country on becoming the office bearers of the prestigious IOA! Nation is proud of them!," posted Rijiju on his Twitter account.

Earlier, Usha confirmed through Twitter that she would be filing the nomination for the post of IOA's President.

"With the warm support of my Fellow Athletes and National Federations I am humbled and honoured to accept and file for the Nomination of the President Of IOA!," Usha tweeted.

Usha is considered as one of the best Indian athletes of all-time but is most remembered for missing out on a medal in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics 400m hurdles final, where she was beaten by Romania's Cristieana Cojocaru by one hundredth of a second.

Usha is one of the most decorated Indian athletes ever, having won 11 medals, including four golds in the Asian Games from 1982 and 1994. She also bagged four gold medals at the 1986 Seoul Asian Games, winning the 200m, 400m, 400m hurdles and 4x400m relay events. Usha also won medals in the 100m and 200m events in the 1982 New Delhi Asian Games.

The legendary sprinter will become the first sportsperson to have represented the country and also become IOA Chief since Maharaja Yadavindra Singh, who played a Test match in 1934. Yadavindra Singh was the third IOA President who held office from 1938 to 1960.

Wins medals in International Karate Championship

Mysuru, Nov. 28- M.V. Tanish Gowda, an 8th std. student of Vijaya Vittala School, who represented India at the International Karate Championship 'Shorin Kai Cup-2022' held in Dubai recently, has secured first prize in both Kata and Kumite categories. Son of former Taluk Panchayat President Netravati Venkatesh of Marathikyatanahalli, Mysuru district, Tanish is trained under Kyoshi S. Sunil Kumar.

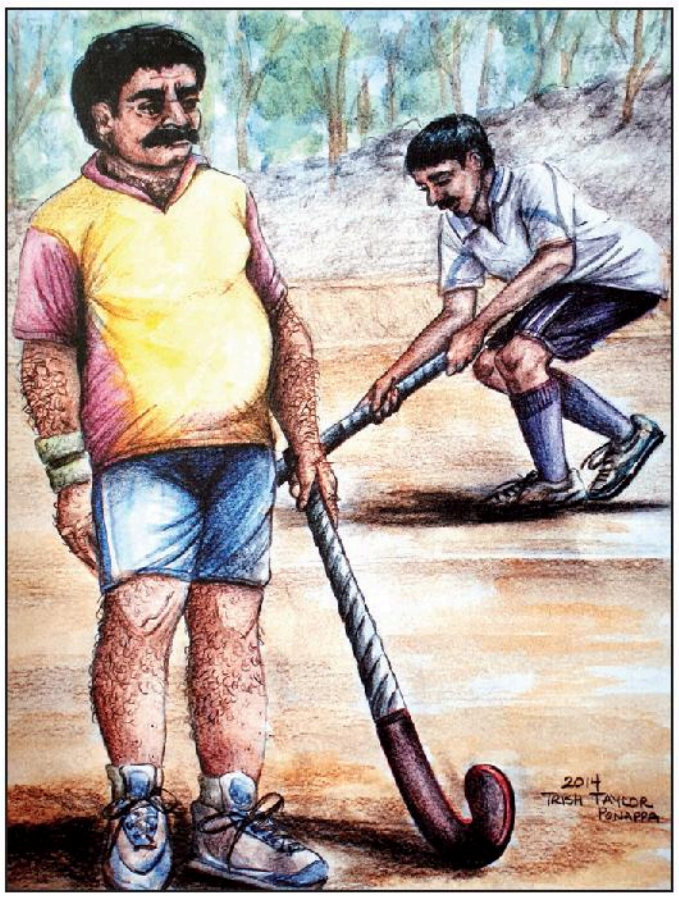
Tanish Gowda is seen with Hanshi Marc from Australia during prize distribution.

Excels in National Championship

Mysuru, Nov. 28- M.B. Dean Arjun, a 7th std. student of Jyothi School, Kuvempunagar, has secured first prize in Kumite and Kata categories (Black Belt, 11-13 years) of 5th GKA Open National-level Karate Championship held at Maharaja Indoor Hall, University of Mysore, on Nov. 20. Son of K.S. Bharath Kumar and Lakshmi, residents of Kuvempunagar, Dean Arjun is trained under Sensei Mahesh.

M.B. Dean Arjun is seen with Sensei Prathibhai and Sensei Mahesh.

FIELD Hockey



A sketch of hockey in Kodagu by Dr. Tilak Ponappa's wife Patricia Taylor.

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Why do teams from the Indian subcontinent no longer dominate hockey?

All sports evolve over time. Technologically advanced countries probably analysed the all-conquering Asian hockey teams and developed means to counter them. Gradually, the Europeans and Australians began to catch up to the subcontinental teams and eventually surpass them.

Furthermore, numerous changes were implemented in the rules of hockey. Some of these were ostensibly to speed up the game and make it more visually appealing to television audiences; although the end result may have been detrimental to the Indians and Pakistanis. A major change was the switch from natural to synthetic surfaces that were inaccessible to many players in these countries.

I suggest that, at least in India and other developing countries, there would be much to be gained by returning to the natural surfaces where the game was first played and rose to popularity. In order to emphasise this issue, perhaps we can look at the way some other sports are conducted.

A case in point would be 'lawn' tennis where the surfaces vary depending on the tournament. Two of the major championships, the Australian Open and the US Open, are now played on synthetic courts. Wimbledon, on the other hand, is played on grass; whereas the French Open is conducted on clay.

Many giants of the sport have had limited success in adapting to courts that were relatively unfamiliar to them. For instance, the American stars, Jimmy Connors and Pete Sampras were unable to conquer the red clay of Roland-Garros at singles, although they had great success at the other major tournaments. A Wimbledon title eluded Ivan Lendl, though he won multiple major tournaments on surfaces other than grass.

All sports change over time. Modern-day tennis players use racquets with large sweet spots and are able to generate incredible pace and topspin. However, the introduction of these enormous racquets means that we seldom see the kind of finesse and 'touch' exhibited by the brilliant John McEnroe, our own Ramesh Krishnan or his father Ramanathan Krishnan.

While considering cricket, especially the exacting Test match version, there is little question that the playing surface has a great effect on performance. In fact, much of Test cricket's charm results from the pitch's characteristics. The nature of the soil, the amount of grass on the surface and the methods used in the preparation of the pitch, all contribute to the ebb and flow of the game and its 'glorious uncertainties'.

Consequently, the ability to adapt to the initial state of the surface, as well as its changing nature over a five day Test match is vital to a cricketer's success.

There is an abundance of sporting talent in the little district of Coorg (Kodagu) in Karnataka. The hardy people of these hills have excelled in various athletic endeavours, but the sport that seems to be closest to their hearts is hockey.

The annual 'Hockey Festival' in Kodagu is a significant event in the local calendar. Hundreds of Kodava families participate in the tournament wherein the skills of many talented rural players are on display. Although the fields may be grass or gravel, the matches are often riveting, indicating that a synthetic surface is not imperative for the sport to be exciting.

Despite the all-pervasive presence of cricket in the media, and the general impression that interest in hockey is on the wane, it is encouraging to note that there remains isolated pockets in India, including Kodagu, Punjab and Odisha, where hockey still holds a special place in the hearts of sports enthusiasts.

CONCLUSION

India was once a great hockey playing nation. However, for various reasons, it has been many decades since teams from the Indian subcontinent have dominated the sport. Since the inaugural World Cup in 1971, India's best result in the competition was achieved way back in 1975, when they were crowned champions. Unfortunately, replicating this early success in the prestigious tournament has proved to be elusive.

The bronze medal in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics was a significant achievement considering the country's previous Olympic medal at hockey was earned in the boycott-marred, truncated Moscow Olympic competition of 1980. Although the silver medal in the recently conducted Commonwealth Games of 2022 is a creditable achievement for our men's team, losing 0-7 to the mighty Australians illustrates the gulf that needs to be bridged before we can get back to the very top of the sport. As the country develops on all fronts, one looks forward to more progress in the sport and hopes that appropriate steps are taken for the team to reach the summit again. Perhaps making a pitch for putting the 'field' back in hockey will be one such measure.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Desegregation

Pronunciation: dee-seg-ri-gey-shuhn.
Meaning: The elimination of laws, customs or practices under which people from different religions, ancestries, ethnic groups, etc., are restricted to specific or separate public facilities, neighborhoods, schools, organizations, or the like.
Origin: Desegregation, "the elimination of laws under which people are separated," is a compound of de-, "not, un-," and segregation, which comes from Latin sēgregāre, "to part from flock." Sēgregāre is formed from sē-, "without, apart," and grex (stem greg-), "flock," latter of which is also source of congregate (literally meaning "to flock together"), gregarious ("belonging to a flock"), and egregious ("out of the flock"). Though segregation is often contrasted with its rhyming opposite integration, two are unrelated. Instead, integration ultimately comes from Latin integer, "untouched, undivided, whole." Desegregation was first recorded in English in early 1950s.
Example: A flurry of court cases and legislation, such as Brown v. Board of Education in 1954 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, was critical to desegregation in the United States.

THE ODD WORD

Decamerous

Having parts in tens.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Dash to pieces

Meaning: Break into fragments.
Origin: Many English phrases are found first in either the Bible or the works of Shakespeare. 'Dash to pieces' appears to be a close run race between the two. The Coverdale Bible, 1535, in Psalms 2.9, has:
Thou shalt rule them with a rodde of yron, and breake them in peces like an erthen vessell. 'Dash' was a commonly used verb in the 16th century meaning variously 'crash up against', as in raining splashing against a window, or 'destroy utterly'. Shakespeare brought both meanings together in the first known usage of 'dash to pieces', in The Tempest, 1610: A brave vessel, who had, no doubt, some noble creature in her, dash'd all to pieces.
The biblical scholars who in 1610 were working on the King James Bible (1611) converted Coverdale's 'breake them in peces' to 'dash them in pieces': Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. There may yet be a steward's enquiry but this one does seem to be 'coined by Shakespeare' - by a nose. Incidentally, the 'splattering of rain' meaning of dash is also the origin of the term dashboard, which was originally the frontice board of a carriage, placed there to stop mud and rain splashing the occupants.

QUOTE BOX

We've taken the world apart but we have no idea what to do with the pieces.— **Chuck Palahniuk**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

FORWELLMED

Answer: Well informed.

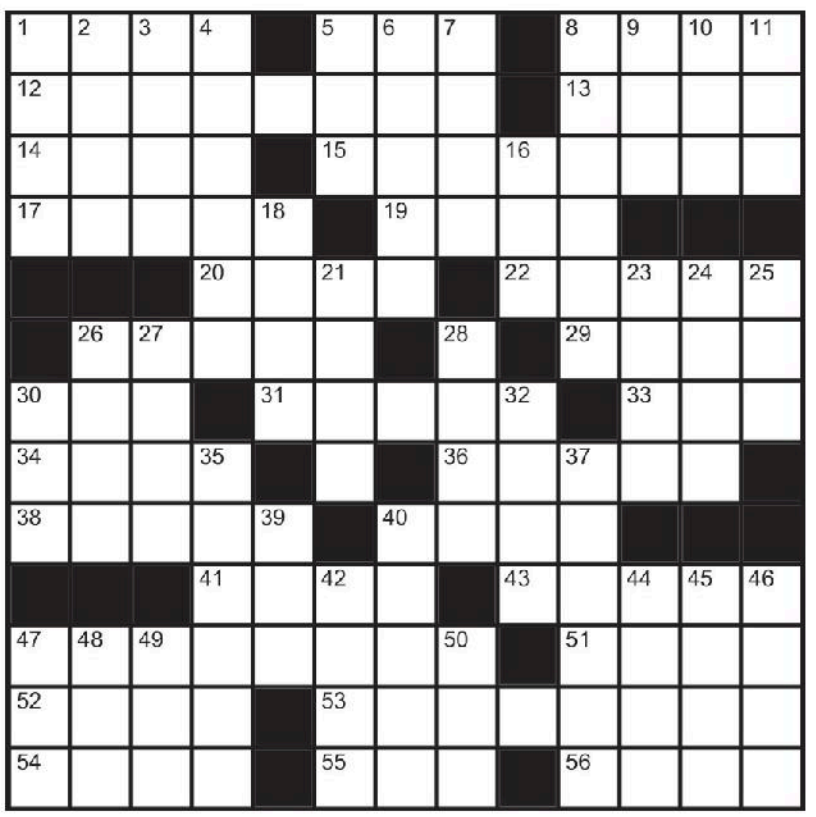
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Brainstorm
5 Aussie tennis legend ___ Emerson
8 Toothpaste container
12 Seaport in south-western California (3,5)
13 __ __ arms : riled ? (2,2)
14 Chain of sandy islands in north-eastern Italy
15 Water purifier
17 Run off to get married
19 Similar
20 Sporting side
22 Misrepresent maliciously?
26 Oise tributary
29 S. American country
30 Fly-by-night
31 Warble in falsetto tone
33 Use to the limit
34 A male voice
36 Ancient Roman garments
38 Change of "story" for tenanted farmers in India during the British Raj?
40 Greek cheese
41 Jade or exhaust
43 Limited in size
47 Stalemates
51 Call out like a donkey?
52 Sluggish
53 ___ Horowitz : famous Russian pianist
54 Cheerio! (2-2)
55 "Gangnam Style" rapper
56 N. England river

SATURDAY'S ANSWER

B	L	O	C	■	S	H	A	H	■	M	A	L
R	E	N	O	■	H	I	F	I	■	O	R	C
A	D	E	N	■	A	T	T	A	I	N	E	D
C	A	S	T	O	R	S	■	T	R	A	■	■
■	■	■	O	P	E	■	M	U	S	L	I	N
O	V	E	R	T	■	R	E	S	■	I	R	E
N	E	X	T	■	V	E	T	■	A	S	K	S
A	N	P	■	B	I	D	■	G	N	A	S	H
N	I	L	G	A	I	■	K	E	G	■	■	■
■	■	I	N	T	■	P	I	M	E	N	T	O
C	U	C	U	M	B	E	R	■	L	O	O	M
R	A	I	■	A	E	R	O	■	I	D	L	I
Y	E	T	■	N	D	T	V	■	C	E	L	T

DOWN
1 Small land mass
2 Irish parliament
3 Internal as a prefix ?
4 Takes child as one's own
5 Camcorder button
6 An old Irish alphabet - "Ham go" anagram?
7 Egg yellow
8 Root vegetable
9 Wire service inits.
10 Container or receptacle
11 Vane directions ?
16 ___ of vitriol : sulphuric acid?
18 Counting-out starter
21 Vast age
23 The second Greek letter
24 Epochs
25 Unit of illumination
26 Skillfully
27 Preposition
28 Head of Paris
30 ___ and away: beyond all doubt?
32 Collections offered for sale
35 Capital city of Canada
37 Ploy
39 Little sister
40 Senses or understands
42 Letters before a phone number, maybe
44 Body of soldiers
45 Was in or assumed a sleeping posture?
46 Musical instrument
47 Suffix with social or tour
48 Assemblyman, in short
49 Cumulative stake in poker?
50 State; put into words



SUDOKU

7			5					
		3		9	1			
1						3	8	
	4		3			9		
5		9		8		2		4
		7			2		5	
	7	4						5
			6	1		8		
					8			2

Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	1	9	8	4	6	5	3
9	4	5	3	7	6	8	1	2
3	8	6	2	5	1	7	9	4
7	1	2	8	9	5	4	3	6
4	9	3	6	1	7	5	2	8
6	5	8	4	3	2	9	7	1
8	6	9	7	2	3	1	4	5
5	3	4	1	6	9	2	8	7
1	2	7	5	4	8	3	6	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

INU OUBLFSU TH WSTJSULL TH ZEREMEXBIETQ

EL INU WSTJSULL TH INU WUTWMU.

TODAY'S CLUE: W EQUALS P

Saturday's Cryptoquip: A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.

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Kantara (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm; (S-2) 7.00 pm
	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Strange World (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 4.30 pm
Raymo (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Saddu Vicharane Nadeyutide (K)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Gandhada Gudi (K)	(S-3)	11.10 am
Agent Kannayiram (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Drishyam 2 (H)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Masooda (Te)	(S-3)	10.00 pm
Bhediya (H-3D)	(S-4)	10.00 am, 7.10 pm, 10.10 pm
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	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 10.00 am
Masooda (Te)	(S-4)	12.55 pm
Triple Riding (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 am
Drishyam 2 (H)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 4.15 pm, 7.10 pm
Kaari (Ta)	(S-1)	10.20 pm
Raymo (K)	(S-3)	3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Saddu Vicharane Nadeyuttide (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Shefeekinte Santhosham (Ma)	(S-4)	7.15 pm

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Drishyam 2 (H)	:	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Black Panther (E)	:	10.30 am, 10.15 pm
Kantara (K)	:	11.55 am, 6.20 pm
Bodies Bodies Bodies (E)	:	12.40 pm, 7.30 pm
Strange World (E)	:	2.00 pm, 7.45 pm
Love Today (Te)	:	3.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Raymo (K)	:	4.30 pm
Jaya Jaya Jaya Jaya Hey (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

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Bhediya (H-2D)	:	9.30 am, 10.15 pm
Bhediya (H-3D)	:	4.25 pm
Strange World (E-3D)	:	10.25 am, 7.45 pm
Drishyam 2 (H)	:	12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Black Panther (E-3D)	:	12.55 pm
Raymo (K)	:	3.20 pm
Kantara (K)	:	4.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm

Mega cultural extravaganza at NPS

Mysuru, Nov. 28- National Public School (NPS), Mysuru, conducted a mega cultural extravaganza in its campus on Nov. 5 and 6.

Spread across four shows in two days, the event showcased the talents of all students of Classes 1 to 11. This event is a noteworthy feat as each and every student got an opportunity to be on stage and there was 100% participation from parents too.

The performances of Classes 6-11 were based on the theme of 'Navaras' that depicted the nine emotions, with special reference to COVID times, through captivating music, dances and heart-touching skits.

The highlight of the first day was the presence of *Padma Shri* awardee Saalumarada Thimmakka as the chief guest.

Padma Shri ***Saalumarada Thimmakka being felicitating by NPSI Mysuru Principal Akhila Dinesh.***

The 111-year-old environmental enthusiast was felicitated by NPSI Mysuru Principal Akhila Dinesh and school prefects.

The Principal stated that it is an honour and blessing to have 'Karnataka Ratna' Saalumarada Thimmakka as our guest, and it signifies the extension of the Rajyotsava celebrations.

Saalumarada Thimmakka showered her blessings on the school and watered a potted sapling as a gesture of goodwill.

On the 6th of November, tiny-tots of classes 1-5 put up wonderful shows depicting the 'World of Cartoons' and 'Alice in Wonderland'. Apart from entertaining the audience, each show and theme, coupled with captivating narratives by the comperes, also portrayed important life skills and conveyed messages with values.

Principal Akhila Dinesh extended a warm welcome to the audience and presented an overview of the term gone by. She expressed heartfelt gratitude to Chairman Dr. K.P. Gopalkrishna and all members of the management, for being pillars of strength and support to the school.

The event was presided by mentor Principal of NPS Group of Schools Shanta Chandran. In her inspirational address to the gathering, Shantha Chandran emphasised upon the role of parents in boosting the confidence of children and the importance of values. Acknowledging the efforts of the team, she complimented the school for putting up such a scintillating show.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 28)

- **Kannada Rajyotsava:** Felicitation and lucky dip and prize distribution ceremony, MLA L. Nagendra inaugurates, MLA S.R. Mahesh presides, Mayor Shivakumar distributes prizes, Coporator Vedavati and Developers Satish chief guests, felicitation to Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji of Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple, retd. UoM and KSOU VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Industrialists Mahesh Shenoy and Y.S. Satyanarayana and International sportsperson Diea Urs; Musical Evening by Mysore Krishnamurthy and troupe, K. Javaregowda Park, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 29)

- **Kannada Rajyotsava:** Prize distribution, former MLA Vasu presides, Corporator Shivakumar inaugurates, retd. Director of DPE (University of Mysore) Dr. C. Krishna and B.S. Prashanth of Safe Wheels will distribute prizes, P. Nagendra of K.G. Koppal chief guest; Staging of play 'Chora Charanadasa' by Natana School of Theatre Arts, K. Javaregowda Park, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club, Mysuru:** Talk on 'Siribhoovalaya' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU and presently, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, Chamundi Children's Home, II Stage Brindavan Extension, **5.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Tipu Nija Kanasugalu,' written and directed by Addanda C. Cariappa, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

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Bhediya (H-2D)	:	9.30 pm
Saddu Vicharane Nadeyuttide (K)	:	10.30 am
Triple Riding (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.45 pm 4.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Drishyam 2 (H)	:	1.15 pm, 4.00 pm 6.45 pm
Raymo (K)	:	1.30 pm
Kantara (K)	:	4.30 pm, 7.45 pm

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